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President’s Report

Greetings to all Q.C Alumni wherever you may be in this smaller world we live in, presently. The experience we all shared during the formative period of our lives whilst at the Alma Mater will continue to bind our activities forever.

I wish to thank all the members in Toronto, who attended our annual general meeting held on May 31/04 and participated in enabling us to elect a new executive to serve the Toronto Chapter for the year 2004-2005. The elected officials are a group of experienced and dedicated individuals and I feel honored to be able to work with them. Our membership has a tendency to wane at times, but we will be making a serious effort to keep our members interested so as to have enough volunteers to assist in the staging of our various fund raising events during the new year. Also a renewed drive will be made to recruit younger members into the organization, to carry on the work created by the older heads, for the future.

Due to recent circumstances beyond our control the regular publication of the newsletter, our beloved “SCRIBBLER” has been disrupted. We will be taking steps to continue the publication on a regular basis, so that our members can be fully informed of our activities.

As one of our main objectives, we will continue to review the needs of the Alma Mater Building in Guyana and work on selective projects that will benefit the students and general administration of the school. Since taking office, we responded immediately to a call for a new P.A. (Public Address) System to be installed in the newly built auditorium. I am pleased to say that due to efforts of Conrad Griffith, that as of September 2/04 we successfully: bought, assembled, shipped & subsequently installed and commissioned this system in Guyana, in time for the new school year. We will also be working on a second phase, which will be to install an intercom system within the whole building to be used by the head mistress and Staff members.

At least four members of our executive will be attending the ICQC meeting to be held in London, England on the week – end of October 15 & 16, 2004, and we are in the midst of preparing to attend this event. At the meeting it is expected that discussions will be held on the future objectives and review of the constitution of the ICQC.

Last, but not least, our Charitable Status has been elusive; but we will make a renewed effort to achieve our Charitable Status. Haroon Gafur will be devoting time and energy to make this happen, eventually.

Let us keep working together to achieve our objectives. Valete; Q.C. Forever.

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Editorial

We are very happy to be back, and we apologize to members and friends for being "off the air" for so long, as personal priorities for key members intervened.

We are appealing for your help to keep the newsletter coming out on a timely basis. Please call our VP (Communications), Harry Singh, to bring your creative, editorial and processing skills to bear on this important effort. It bears repeating one more time that the Executive Committee cannot do it alone.

For those who did not attend this Year’s Annual General Meeting, we have appended the President’s Report for the year ended May 2004 to give a sense of our activities over the period.

Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to Krystal Singh, daughter of Lionel Singh, and Sheena Messiah, daughter of Erwin Messiah, each of whom received a $500 Scholarship from the Association in January 2004.

Both applicants easily met our award criteria. Sheena was an Ontario Scholar in 2003, and is pursuing Economics at Queen’s University. Krystal is studying Humanities at the University of Toronto. They both plan careers in law – Krystal in family law and Sheena in Corporate or medical law.

We also provided a third support payment to a student in Guyana.

Twelfth Night Dance

This year’s joint QCAA/BHSSA Twelfth Night dance will be held on January 8, 2005 at Sts. Peter and Paul at Markham & Milner.

Some were unfortunate enough to miss last year’s terrific sell-out “Wine and Roses” event, so book your tickets early from any member of the Executive Committee.

ICQC 2004 Reunion

As we go to press, the 2004 Reunion and ICQC business meeting is taking place in London. ICQC recently completed its first project to supply 800 auditorium chairs to the school, with funding mostly from the UK chapter. We look forward to significant improvements in the ICQC roles and processes from this meeting.

Calling all Golfers

Our first golf tournament jointly with the St. Stanislaus Alumni Association was held on 10 July at Bushwood Golf Club. Over 130 golfers took part in a most enjoyable day. We offer special thanks from QCAA to our major sponsor, Brainhunter, for providing a great raffle prize of a complete golf set, in addition to sponsoring a hole and a foursome. We call on our members and friends in the golfing community to come out to play and to help organize next year’s tournament. Contact Eden Gajraj, Albert Ramprasad or Patrick Chan to volunteer.

Last Lap Lime

We thank the planning committee and other volunteers for putting on another excellent event at Shangri-La, where an appreciative crowd of thousands enjoyed the much improved sound system and tent accommodations.
Toronto Chapter Donates Public Address System to School

Conrad displays the public address system to the Toronto Chapter. See more pictures on Page 4.

Conrad Griffith is at it once again. He was always keen on the public address system from the time we identified the need - even after the PA system was missing from the priority list provided through ICQC in January. He visited the auditorium last year, identified the components that would be needed, identified the best sources, and even offered to donate some components personally. With his deep expertise in this area, Conrad was way ahead of the game. When the PA system suddenly reappeared as a priority near the end of May, his detailed specifications and costs were immediately provided for approval. In the ensuing months, he not only personally purchased and shipped the system, but he visited Guyana, personally installed and commissioned the system, and trained the users at the school, before the start of the new school year.

On his trip to Guyana, he also gathered the information needed for our next donation. Once again, we thank Conrad for the enormous effort he put in to bring this project to fruition. We also thank our members and friends whose support of our fundraisers made it possible for us to make a significant contribution to the life of the school.

The system includes a 500-watt amplifier, an audio exciter for clear and bright sound, a 16-channel mixer, a wireless microphone system with five microphones and stands, four 400-watt wall mounted speakers, complete with racks, cables and manuals. This highly functional system has a retail value of C$16,000, excluding the installation, training and consultation effort put in by Conrad. The system will fill a pressing need in allowing the new auditorium to fulfill its intended functions.

Father’s Day Brunch 2004

The Duke of Earl, a.k.a. Conrad, wows the crowd at the Annual Father's Day Brunch

A highly appreciative audience attended our Annual Brunch at Burrows Hall

The Soprano Seniors held the Brunch audience with excellent renditions in steel
The PA system arrives. L to R: Mr. Garnett (maintenance & PA service), Mr. McDonald (Music Director), Paul Cort (Music Teacher), Conrad Griffith and Jim Holder (Administrator).

Conrad Griffith uses the PA system to present the PA system.

Mr. Garnett installing speaker supports ... Well done!

Conrad presents the PA system to the Principal, Mrs. Rolehr. while Laurie Lewis (QCOSA President) and Ronald Alli (Board Chairman) look on.

The new chairs and new PA system came in handy

on Orientation Day for new students ....

... and on first day assembly

QCAA members at the 2004 LLL Appreciation Day
Chapters Donate Auditorium Chairs

In July this year, John Yates and Gordon Wilson of the International Committee of QC Associations (ICQC) presented 800 auditorium chairs at a media event that appeared on local TV. The UK chapter donated over 10,000 pounds sterling to cover most of the G$4.4 million cost, with the remainder being donated by the Washington Chapter.

ICQC invited all chapters to participate, but did not reply to the Toronto chapter’s efforts on this project. See Pictures on Page 8.

Guyana-Canada Business and Professional Association

Three of our members participated in the launching of the GCBPA in June 2004, a significant step towards promoting the development of the Guyanese Community in Canada.

The Honorable Consul General, Danny Doobay, provided valuable exposure and impetus for the launch during the independence celebrations, including sponsoring a networking reception for Businesses and Professionals in conjunction with the Trade Seminar and Exhibition.

The GCBPA mission is to foster, develop and promote networking, entrepreneurship and economic growth among members of the business and professional community.

For more details or to join, you can contact Leyland Muss, Syed Rayman or Patrick Chan

Valedictory

As it is not possible to be comprehensive in this column, we apologize for any inadvertent omissions. We extend our deep sympathies to:

Syed Rayman and the entire Rayman family on the tragic passing of Derek Rayman and his daughter, Susan on 13 December 2003. An enormous crowd attended the viewings and funeral.

The family of Basil Eyre former history master at Queen’s on his passing on 15 January 2004. Our former Latin master, Ronald Rock, gave the eulogy, and he was joined by several alumni in giving “Breezy” a fitting sendoff with a hearty and much appreciated rendition of the school song.

Former Chapter Director, Roland Carryl, and family on the passing of his brother David Carryl in January 2004. Several chapter members attended the Simple Alternative service, where Roland delivered the eulogy with dignity and humour.

New York Chapter President, Gordon Wilson, and family on the passing of his daughter, Kimberly in January 2004.

Former Toronto Chapter President, Eden Gajraj, on the passing of his uncle, Rahman B. Gajraj on 23 February 2004. He was a Queen’s College alumnus, a former Mayor of Georgetown, Speaker of the Legislative Council, Ambassador & High Commissioner to The United States of America, Canada & India. The chapter was well represented at the viewings and funeral in Toronto.

Conrad Griffith, former Toronto Chapter Director, on the tragic death on 1 March 2004 of his cousin, Asst. Superintendent Richard Griffith, who was killed in the line of duty.

Trish Proctor on the passing in April 2004 of her husband, Andre Proctor, a former Management Committee Chairman of QC Association (UK).

The family of prominent physician, Dr Walter Chin, who passed away in Trinidad on 6 July 2004 after a brief illness.

Peter Bhola, former Secretary of the Toronto chapter, on the passing of his sister, Barbara in August 2004.

The family of Maurice Hamilton, who passed away on 13 August 2004.

The family of Dr. Tyrone Ferguson, former head of the Presidential Secretariat under President Desmond Hoyte, who passed away in August 2004.

The family of Patrick Ode, pictured recently below, who passed away in August 2004.

Patrick Ode (left). Photo by Aubrey Bryan (right)

Beryl Maudsley, widow of Kenneth N Maudsley (UK Chapter), a former master who passed away on 31 August 2004.

The family of Anson Sancho who passed away in Guyana in August, 2004. He attended Q.C in the 1940’s.
Dear Editor,

I find this article very offensive and ridiculing to the Guyanese Society. It lack depth and quality to the Guyanese culture. I think that the writer is making fun and in a way making jokes of our heritage. It find its place among the HBO lower level of Saturday night jokes.

You have degraded the word "literary". Do you have any sense of decency what it means to give a literary presentation? You people are supposed to represent the finest of intellectuals in Guyana. You come from the highest form of educational institution – Queen’s College. Is this the kind of garbage you present to one of your finest evenings.

I think you ought to refine the thinking of your organization and the purpose it represent. As a Guyanese I am ashamed to even associate with your group.

Charles Sukdeo

Editor’s note: We see humour as an essential part of all cultures, and consider it healthy to be able to laugh at ourselves. Most Guyanese do so as much as anyone else. The audience did too.
Introduction

I wish to thank all who have supported us over the past year by volunteering, supporting our fundraisers, and contributing to our events. The need for more active support from members outside the executive is greater than ever. This year, several key members of the executive faced excessive personal and work demands that seriously affected our ability to achieve our objectives. I have to report that I adopted a somewhat philosophical attitude towards this, but it must be addressed for a vibrant association in the long term. This report covers activities for the financial year ending 31 January 2004, with overlap to the Annual General meeting date. The financial report is attached.

Fundraising

In total we raised approximately $15,000 from the LLL, Twelfth Night dance, Father’s Day Brunch and subscriptions. This is a significant improvement from the previous year, but the need for volunteers is greater than ever, including members outside the Executive to work on our various projects.

The 2003 Last Lap Lime was one of the best ever. The event at the new location at Shangri-La was a hit, and the profits were the highest ever. Congratulations to the LLL Chairperson, Gerald Alleyne, and our members on the planning committee, Lionel Mann, Conrad Griffith, Lester Fernandes, Harry Singh and Haroon Gafur. Many other volunteers also contributed to the success of the event, and more will be needed in future. The event may again be held at another new location this year, with all the additional challenges that implies.

The Twelfth Night dance and Father’s Day brunch were also very successful, thanks mainly to the untiring efforts of Albert Ramprasad, Conrad Griffith, Lionel Mann, Haroon Gafur and others.

Our current planning committee members Haroon Gafur, Harry Singh and Conrad Griffith are working to strengthen and advance the LLL, including a new advertising brochure and proposals for the musical entertainment.

For the first time this July, we will hold a golf tournament jointly with Saint Stanislaus, and it promises to be an annual affair. The event is supported by sponsors, and will almost certainly be completely sold out this year. Special thanks to Past President, Eden Gajraj, for his efforts in this direction.

On the downside, we made no progress on attaining charitable status, nor on the QC Foundation. In addition we made no progress on other objectives such as more formalized financial processes.

ICQC

At the ICQC meeting in Florida in October 2003, most of the meeting was devoted to trying to finalize a constitution for ICQC. A draft had been prepared by the Florida President and circulated in the days leading up to the meeting. Our representative, Leyland Muss, had forwarded several comments for inclusion prior to the meeting. The review at the meeting was incomplete, but several amendments were agreed in the meeting, and we are awaiting a revised version for further review.

ICQC had not acted on the motion we raised at the previous meeting to request information on the building project.

The meeting agreed that ICQC would coordinate donations from the chapters, and QCOSA agreed to provide an updated list of needs from the school. There was no support for the Toronto proposal for a project to help the school develop formal requests for funds to the government.

School Support

With the basic structure of the administrative block complete, we held some initial discussions on equipping the stage. However, stage equipment was missing from the official list of priorities obtained through ICQC. Recently some stage requirements seem to be back on the list, and this will be investigated further.

We are participating with the other chapters in an ICQC project to acquire 800 chairs for the new auditorium. We forwarded to ICQC our suggestion for a suitable chair with quotations negotiated by our Director, Harry Singh. We also made representation to change the process put forward by ICQC, but have not had any replies. Most recently, the head of the ICQC chair selection committee has come up with a brand new proposal to leave it up to himself and the QCOSA President to decide. The ICQC project is having considerable teething problems.
We also had three visits this year by Conrad Griffith, Ron Wharton and Lester Fernandes, which helped to clarify school needs. We expect to support the acquisition of equipment for the science labs, and the stage once the details are known.

We presented the last of three support payments to a deserving student at Queen’s College.

Community

We awarded two scholarships this year to children of members in Toronto. We also presented four appreciation awards. Two of these were presented at the brunch, and in future, the brunch will be preferred to a separate appreciation day.

Unfortunately we did not produce any Scribbler this year, and the Literary Evening has been deferred to the summer.

We provided some volunteer support for the 2003 Guyana Independence Festival, including the trade conference organized by Leyland Muss. Currently we have three Association members, Leyland Muss, Pat Chan and Syed Rahman, on a steering committee to organize and promote increased networking among Guyanese businesses and professionals.

Closing

This was my second and last year as President, and my sincere thanks go to all who worked to advance the objectives and activities of the Association. We enjoyed some successes this year, but we achieved much less than planned. The new committee will need much more active support from the membership. I urge all members to help fulfill the role of the Association in the Toronto and Guyanese communities, and I offer my best wishes and support to the incoming Executive.

Patrick Chan
President 2003/2004

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Non-partisanship and The Scribbler

By Allan Lee

In the Spring issue of The Scribbler there was an article entitled “America, War and Neo-colonialism” (A, W & N), in which the writer stated that “…America played the role of liberator” in its interventions in Dominica, Grenada, and Panama. America as the land of the free and as defender of freedom is the image incessantly propagated by the TV, print and radio media in North America, but the reality is completely different. I set out below a few facts that reveal America as the most vicious terrorist regime on the entire planet. By terrorism I mean the deliberate attempt to kill, maim or injure CIVILIANS, and it is carried out by individuals, groups or states. Since the dissemination of pro-USA propaganda is not one of The Scribbler’s aims, I hope that you will carry my letter as a counter-weight to the A, W & N article, thereby allowing readers to decide for themselves if America as liberator is fact or fiction.

As non-Americans, we are mostly concerned about the USA’s foreign adventures, but in passing I may point out that “the land of the free” is a cruel mockery to the 2,166,260 people rotting in its multitude of prisons. With a mere 5% of the world’s population, the USA has 25% of the world’s prisoners, the highest number by far in all the world. Also, at 702 per 100,000 America has the highest incarceration rate on earth. Lack of money to build even more prisons is now preventing further increases to these shameful numbers.

The 1929 stock-market crash and subsequent depression put a temporary damper on the USA’s external aggressions. However, the World War II years saw the emergence of the Yankee Superpower, eager to show its muscle. After the Normandy landings in June 1944 it was clear that the Nazi regime was doomed. The Luftwaffe had been destroyed, the Russians were driving in from the east and in the west Hitler faced a massive onslaught from more numerous, better armed and fresher armies. Nevertheless, between then and the end of the war, the USA Air Force (and the RAF) sent waves of Flying Fortresses to fire bomb German cities of which Dresden and Hamburg are two of the most infamous examples. The heat generated by these gratuitous attacks was so intense that the resulting fire-storms uprooted trees. You may imagine the effects on the CIVILIANS in these cities. There was appalling loss of life running into tens of thousands. These cities were not military targets. The objective was to kill German CIVILIANS and it was a huge success.

In the Pacific, the Japanese navy had been defeated and they had been dislodged from the areas that they had overrun. Again, it was only a matter of time before the war ended. The USA fire-bombed Tokyo killing more than 500,000 Japanese CIVILIANS. They followed this atrocity by dropping the first atom bomb on Hiroshima (65,000 CIVILIANS incinerated by the blast and another 50,000 died painfully, lingering deaths in the subsequent years). Even though the Japanese had been making overtures for a surrender, America callously went ahead and dropped its atom bombs (note that the USA is the only country ever to use atomic weapons against people). Again, these bombings were specifically aimed at the CIVILIANS in these cities.

After the war, the USA stepped up its crusade to remake the world in its own image, employing a two-pronged approach. Military power (US forces or proxy armies or combinations of the two) was used against weaker countries to install pliant governments. Stronger countries were encircled and threatened.

The other thrust was through the IMF and the World Bank, the GATT and the WTO. Under the banner of “Free” Trade, the USA forces the producers of other countries to compete against American giant corporations. When the American giants are unable to beat the locals, the US cries unfair competition or dumping, and imposes illegal tariffs and/or quotas on soft-wood lumber, steel, even Vietnamese catfish etc., etc. Still crying Free Trade, the USA hands out tens of billions of dollars in subsidies to its own enterprises – the farm support program alone is running at $52 Billion a year.

I mention below some other instances of America’s use of military power. For America’s use of economic power the reader is referred to the book by Nobel Laureate and former Chief Economist at the World Bank, Joseph Stiglitz, entitled –Globalization and its malcontents.

In 1954, the popularly elected government of Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala was overthrown by the USA-backed regime of Castillo Armas. In the first two months of his rule he killed 8,000 peasants. Forty years of war followed leaving 200,000 civilians dead. In the first few years of his reign, Armas received between $80 - $90 million from the USA ($20-$30 million more than all the rest of Latin America received.

The assassination of Allende in Chile led to the subsequent torture and murder by Pinochet of thousands of his opponents over many years. Unfortunately the attempt to bring this butcher to justice in the Spanish courts failed because of his pretense at infirmity.

In the interest of balance we pass on this rejoinder, which we consider to be more suited to publications on political advocacy.
In Cuba, the continuing efforts to bring down Castro are well known, including the notorious Bay of Pigs invasion. The trade embargo persists to this day, having successfully ruined the Cuban economy and inflicted severe deprivation on the people.

The USA invasion of Grenada in 1983 could not be expected to produce a blood-bath, given the minuscule size of the local forces. However, the notion that this was a “liberation” of the Grenadian people has to be evaluated against Ronald Reagan’s statement; “It isn’t nummeg that’s at stake in the Caribbean and Central America. It is the US national security”. Grenada is a mere speck in the ocean measuring 133 miles by 88 miles with a population of 100,000!!

In 1990, the USA turned on Manuel Noriega (a CIA employee with more than 20 years of service at a salary of $100,000 per year) when he tried to appoint a new Administrator for the Panama Canal. They had previously ignored his other activities, but after he failed to toe the line, became outraged at his drug connections. They decided that he should be reined and bombed the Canal Zone, killing thousands of CIVILIANS and leaving tens of thousands homeless in the process.

In Nicaragua, the USA created, financed and trained the “contras” to bring down the popularly elected Sandinista government. The contras were instructed by its American commanders to attack “soft” targets (mostly infrastructure) in order to ruin the country’s economy. This despicable strategy was intended to make the people so poor and miserable that they would be forced to turn away from the Sandinistas or face never ending violence and the total destruction of their homeland. Estimates of the death toll in the contras war exceed 40,000 and the country has never recovered from the damage that the contras wrought. The Sandinistas took the USA to the International Court of Justice which ruled in 1986 that the USA was in violation of international law for “unlawful use of force” in Nicaragua, through its actions and those of its proxy army (the Contras). The USA ignored the decision but it helps to explain why the USA refuses to accept the International Criminal Court whereas more than 120 nations recognize its jurisdiction. A UN resolution calling for compliance with the Court’s 1986 decision was approved 94-2 (USA and Israel the only no votes) but the USA has still not complied.

John Negroponte was the USA’s “ambassador” (operative) in Honduras from 1981 – 1985. The USA built the El Aguacate air-base in 1983 for use as a detention and torture centre. John Negroponte also helped to create the infamous Battalion 316, which was trained by the CIA and the Argentine military to kidnap, torture and kill Hondurans. The regular army (supported by the hilt by the USA) killed off tens of thousands more. The USA’s activities in Honduras were condemned by the International Court of Justice and by the Security Council of the UN (the decision was vetoed by the USA and does not stand).

Today, in Columbia, the military has teamed up with the AUC (the paras) to carry out a reign of terror. They notched up 8,000 political assassinations in 2002 alone. According to UN reports, lecturers and teachers are the prime targets for threats, physical violence and killings (to keep the peasants ignorant). In 1999, Columbia displaced Turkey as the largest recipient of US arms, except for Israel and Egypt who are in an altogether different bracket.

In El Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero requested the US government to stop funding his country’s military. He was murdered on 24 March 1980, as he was celebrating mass. In October that year the Farabundo Marty National Liberation Front was formed. The government proceeded to wage a vicious war against the FMLN for 12 years. During that time USA support for Duarte’s government was unwavering. Government troops bombed rural communities and carried out wholesale assassinations. The CIVILIANT death toll was 80,000 and 1,000,000 were made homeless.

In Vietnam we all know of course of the USA’s use of napalm against the people, as well as the widespread deployment of chemical warfare in the form of Agent Orange which contains one of the most virulent poisons known to man – a strain of dioxin called TCDD. The death toll in Vietnam was in the millions and there are 650,000 cases of people who now have strange and incapacitating diseases because Agent Orange is in the soil, water, everywhere.

There was also Cambodia (one million +/-) and Laos...

In Africa, the USA/UK backed attacks by the apartheid South African forces against neighbouring countries that killed about 1.5 million people and caused 60 billion dollars in damage. These people are still impoverished by the devastation caused by America’s proxy forces.

In Afghanistan, more than 5,000 CIVILIANS who had absolutely no connection with the twin towers incident were killed directly when the USA/UK attacked one of the poorest nations on earth. Tens of thousands were also

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killed indirectly because the USA/UK ignored the pleas of the international aid organizations not to disrupt the
distribution of food before the onset of the winter of 2001.

In Iraq the USA/UK sanctions imposed from 1991 onwards killed more than 1 million Iraqi CIVILIANS
including more than 500,000 children. Denis Halliday (then former Deputy Secretary General of the United
Nations) set up the oil for food program which the other countries insisted on establishing (over USA/UK
opposition) because of all the Iraqi deaths. He denounced the sanctions as genocide and resigned in 1998 hoping
that this protest would stir some action to end the sanctions. His replacement was Count Hans Von Sponsek. He in
turn resigned in 2000 denouncing the sanctions as genocide. The head of the World Food Program in Iraq from
1998-2000 (Jutta Burghardt) also resigned denouncing the sanctions as genocide. Prof. Joy Gordon referred to
the embargo as “a legitimised act of mass slaughter” in her article about the USA/UK refusal to allow delivery of
$5.5 billion worth of goods to Iraq, even though the UN had approved these purchases from the oil for food
program. Former USA Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright said on American TV on May 11, 1996 that the
deaths of more than 500,000 Iraqi children was “...a very hard choice, but the price, we think the price is worth it!!!

The illegal and immoral invasion of Iraq in 2003 completed the destruction, started in 1991, of a nation of 25
million, who have the misfortune to be the owners of a resource coveted by the USA. The world’s only
superpower combined its vast military machine with the forces of another major power and pounced on a poor
third world country forced by a 12 year embargo to live on less than $1 a day per person. They refer to it as a war,
but given the disparity in relative strengths it was just state-sponsored murder. They even waited until Iraq’s Al
Samoud missiles were destroyed under UN supervision before attacking.

The use of depleted uranium against Iraq in 1991 caused many deaths and hideously deformed babies in the years
following. Nevertheless, the USA insisted on using DU weapons again in 2003 despite pleas not to do so from
organizations that were aware of the effects on the CIVILIAN population after the1991 invasion. The USA also
dropped thousands of cluster bombs in Afghanistan and Iraq. About 9% of the bomblets do not explode and lie on
the ground where they become hidden under dust and debris. Later when an unsuspecting civilian touches one it
goes off.

I suppose that even Bush/Blair supporters now understand that Iraq was invaded for its oil. But apart from that
prize there are the bonuses. Having smashed up the country, a gigantic rebuilding program has to follow. Bechtel
and Haliburton have already been awarded untended contracts for some of this lucrative work. Best of all, the
sale of the Iraqi oil will pay for the repairs. Break up the place and make the victims pay!!! It’s great when you
can get away with it.

In the case of Afghanistan, the prize was the assurance that the oil and gas pipelines project from the Caspian,
through Afghanistan into Pakistan would be passing through secure territory. Unocal has a 47% stake in the
consortium that was formed well before Sept. 2001 to build the pipelines but the project is now on hold because
the USA controls only one spot in Afghanistan – Kabul.

To sum up, the USA has deliberately targeted and killed several million CIVILIANS in Germany, Japan,
Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Afghanistan and Iraq. It has engineered the deaths of several more million
CIVILIANS in Africa and Latin America.

Flipping through the pages of history, one is hard pressed to find any regime with a record to rival America’s
achievements in its ghastly project to murder CIVILIANS. Even in the old days, conquerors saw that there is no
percentage in slaughtering civilians. The women could be carted off as booty and the men could be forced to
enlist or to contribute their labour. Revenge killings are another matter, but in those days of low population
densities, poor transportation and primitive communication networks, just finding a few million enemies was a
task too difficult even to attempt.

One has to look at more modern times if a rival to America is to be found. The Nazis’ effort was proceeding at a
fair clip until it was cut short in 1945. It is hardly surprising that America is way ahead of the pack. It has been
killing civilians for many decades already and is still going strong. Also, the Nazis did not have footholds in Asia,
Africa, the Middle East and the New World, whereas America’s reach is truly global. Furthermore, the USA has
the benefit of the best technology that there is. Hitler could only dream of wiping out 65,000 people in the wink of
an eye but America could actually demonstrate that it was feasible.

Is it fair to regard America as the great liberator? Indeed yes, since death liberates us from all our earthly sorrows.

In the interest of balance we pass on this rejoinder, which we consider to be more suited to publications on political advocacy.
Health Alert!

Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Canadian men.

Consider these facts:

- One in six men will get prostate cancer sometime in his life.
- 75% of diagnosed prostate cancer is avoidable with proper diet and nutritional supplements.
- African American men are at special risk for the disease. They have the highest rate of prostate cancer in men, and double the mortality rate.
- Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of male cancer death in the United States.
- An American man dies every 16 minutes from the disease.

What's the solution?

Prostate Health Essentials

- Saw Palmetto is effective in reducing symptoms associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).
- Selenium functions as an antioxidant that works in conjunction with vitamin E and clearly protects against prostate disorders and some cancers.
- Lycopene reduces prostate specific antigen (PSA), a measure of prostate cancer activity and can reduce cell growth of prostate cancer.
- Vitamin D is an essential antioxidant that inhibits cancer growth.

“Give me an opportunity to start you on the path to a healthier life.”

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